

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-60 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al. (U.S. Patent 5,948,040).

Although Applicants do not acquiesce in the Examiner's rejection of claim 60 under Section 102, this claim has been canceled to expedite prosecution.

Applicants do not acquiesce in the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al.

DeLorme et al.'s system is like that described in the description of the related art of the present application. DeLorme et al. disclose a travel reservation and planning system that allows a user to search for travel information using many different types of criteria including a where, when, how, what and who. Using this type of criteria a user can query data records. The user may view found data and select, in an iterative fashion, a travel plan.

In contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claims 1, 20, and 39 allows a user to specify a travel goal having a destination location and an appointment time for arrival at the destination location. A travel database is accessed to locate travel information corresponding to the destination location and appointment time. The present invention allows for determining an arrival time within a vicinity of the destination location using the located travel information to ensure arrival at the destination location by the appointment time.

The Examiner takes the position that DeLorme et al. disclose instructions to receive a travel goal specifying a destination location and an appointment time for

arrival at the destination location in column 23 lines 14-63 and column 26 lines 29-55. Column 23 lines 14-63 discloses use of the basic who, what, where when how TRIPS system of DeLorme et al. This section discloses allowing a user to input various constraints to search for travel data. There is no disclosure of specifying a destination location and an appointment time. Column 26 lines 29-55 discloses inputting start and finish times for a vacation. There is no disclosure of specifying a destination location and an appointment. At most there is disclosure of inputting a destination and travel time.

The Examiner points to column 13 line 48 to column 14 line 52 in DeLorme et al. as disclosing accessing a travel database to locate travel information corresponding to the destination location and appointment time. This section of DeLorme et al. merely outlines the sources of data the DeLorme et al. TRIPS system may use such as an atlas on a CD-ROM, digital travel brochures, and sources on the internet. There is no disclosure of locating travel information based on a destination location and appointment time.

The Examiner points to column 18 lines 5-25 of DeLorme et al. as disclosing determining an arrival time within a vicinity of the destination location using the located travel information to ensure arrival at the destination location by the appointment time. Although this section of DeLorme et al. mentions having a destination and appointment time, there is no disclosure of inputting this information into DeLorme et al.'s TRIPS system or of using this information to determine an arrival time within a vicinity of the destination.

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Claim 39

Applicants note that column 40 lines 47-56, discloses having input a destination and party time. However, this information is not used to determine an arrival time within a vicinity of the destination location using the located travel information to ensure arrival at the destination location by the appointment time. The intelligence for performing this function is not provided in the TRIPS system.

DeLorme et al. provides no disclosure of obtaining a travel goal including a destination and appointment time, obtaining travel information based on the destination and appointment time, and determining an arrival time within a vicinity of the destination using the obtained travel information to ensure arrival at the destination by the travel goal appointment time as required by independent claims 1, 20, and 39.

Accordingly, DeLorme et al. do not anticipate the present invention as recited in independent claims 1 and 20, and 39 and the rejection of these claims under Section 102 should be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 2-19 and 21-38, and 40-57 are allowable, for at least the reasons given above with respect to independent claims 1, 20 and 39, and the rejection of these claims under section 102 should be withdrawn.

The Examiner takes the position that DeLorme et al. disclose each of the steps of claim 58. DeLorme et al. do not disclose using a received travel goal including a destination location and an appointment time to recommend a plurality of travel options and a plurality of secondary modes of transportation based on the destination and appointment time. The Examiner refers to column 17 lines 44-60 which merely

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discloses various travel planning options but does not disclose using a travel destination and appointment time in recommending travel options. The Examiner also refers to column 40 lines 38-56 and Figures 7A-7B. This section discloses having input a destination and party time. However, this information is not used to recommend travel options or secondary modes of transportation to ensure arrival at the location by the appointment time as required by claim 58. The intelligence for performing this step is not provided in the DeLorme et al. TRIPS system.

Similarly, DeLorme et al. do not anticipate the invention as recited in amended claim 59. DeLorme et al. does not disclose at least a travel goal subsystem for receiving a travel goal including a destination location and appointment time and a transportation subsystem having instructions to select modes and times of transportation based on the travel goal.

Accordingly, DeLorme et al. do not anticipate the present invention as recited in independent claims 58 and 59 and the rejection of these claims under Section 102 should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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